
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 8, 1869.

Mr. TRUMBULL asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To amend the judicial system of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Supreme Court of the United States shall hereafter
4 consist of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight
5 associate justices, any six of whom shall constitute a quorum;
6 and for this purpose there shall be appointed an additional
7 associate justice of said court.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for each of the
2 nine existing judicial circuits there shall be appointed a circuit
3 judge, who shall reside in his circuit, and shall possess the
4 same power and jurisdiction therein as the justice of the
5 Supreme Court allotted to the circuit. The circuit courts in
6 each circuit shall be held by the justice of the Supreme Court
7 allotted to the circuit, or by the circuit judge of the circuit, or
8 by the district judge of the district sitting alone, or by any

9 two of them sitting together. And such courts may be held
10 at the same time in the different districts of the same circuit,
11 and more than one such court may be held at the same time
12 in the same district. The circuit judges shall each receive an
13 annual salary of five thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this
2 act shall affect the powers of the justices of the Supreme Court
3 as judges of the circuit court, except in the appointment of
4 clerks of the circuit courts, which in each circuit shall be ap-
5 pointed by the circuit judge of that circuit, and the clerks of
6 the district courts shall be appointed by the judges thereof
7 respectively.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the
2 duty of each justice of the Supreme Court to attend at least
3 one term of the circuit court in each district of his circuit
4 during every period of two years.